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Re: Application of Kotaro YANO, Masaharu TOKI, Hitoshi INOUE, Tomoaki YOSHIDA and Eiji KANBARA
VAPOR GROWN CARBON FIBER, AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q72882

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ three (3) sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the International Search Report.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and a copy of each reference cited in the ISR, except for U.S. Patents and/or U.S. Patent Publications.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | <u>45</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>25</u> | x | \$50.00 | = | <u>\$1250.00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>5</u> | - | 3 | = | <u>2</u> | x | \$200.00 | = | <u>\$400.00</u> |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$300.00</u> |
| Search Fee* | | | | | | | | | <u>\$400.00</u> |
| Examination Fee* | | | | | | | | | <u>\$200.00</u> |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$360.00</u> |
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* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$2910.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority/Benefit is claimed from:

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